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Statement from Lawyers' Committee on the Passing of Warren Christopher

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area mourns the passing of Warren Christopher, and honors his leadership as a fellow champion for civil rights.

Among his notable achievements, Mr. Christopher was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Carter in 1981, for his role in negotiating the release of 52 American hostages in Iran. In the aftermath of the Rodney King beating, significant reforms of the Los Angeles Police Department were undertaken during his tenure as Chairman of the Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department. Mr. Christopher also served as the United States Secretary of State from 1993 to 1997.

Mr. Christopher was a Senior Partner and Former Chairman at O'Melveny & Myers, a long-time *pro bono* partner of Lawyers' Committee. During his tenure at O'Melveny, Mr. Christopher was a tireless champion for the need for public service within the private bar and diversity within the legal community. Lawyers' Committee salutes his legacy and remains inspired by his distinguished contributions to the legal field.

About the Lawyers' Committee:

For more than 40 years, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area has worked to advance, protect and promote the legal rights of communities of color, immigrants and refugees -- with a specific focus on low-income communities and a long-standing commitment to African Americans. Lawyers' Committee staff, working with hundreds of *pro bono* attorneys, provides free legal assistance and representation to individuals on civil legal matters through direct services, impact litigation and policy advocacy. For more information, visit www.lccr.com.

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